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Records

of

Eastern District

(Oct 1st 1864

W. V. Campbell

Recorder

At a meeting held on Chicago Creek Oct. 9th 1864 A. J. Hall. Gamm in the chair & W. S. Campbell secretary it was resolved to give a running feet each beginning at a point one mile below the mouth of Cascade gulch & running thence up Chicago Creek three miles & extending to the top of the divide on either side

It was also resolved that a committee be formed to draft laws for said Dist. Committee "H E Scott & Fox Ringgold

"Laws"

Defining Claims. Sec 1

Each bar claim shall have one hundred feet front & extend back from creek to the base of the mountains

Each Lode Claim shall be one hundred feet long & fifty feet wide

Each Water Claim shall be four hundred feet in length.

Each Flume Claim shall be two hundred feet long extend to low water mark on either side of creek

Each Tunnel Claim shall have a stake at the entrance defining its course & length

Section 2

Each person shall be entitled to one of the before mentioned claims by preemption if he be a resident of this Gold Bearing region & the discovery shall be entitled to one extra by right of the discovery

Sec. 3 Each Dis. Claim shall be worked as such & all purchased claims shall be recorded & in either case shall be held as such whether worked or not.

Sec 4 When members of a company shall work one claim of the company the rest shall be considered as worked

Sec 5 In all cases where parties shall have complied with the Laws - priority of claims when honestly carried out shall be respected

Sec 6 In all contracts of partnerships or agreements whereby an interest in claims are encumbered & all contracts relating thereto hereafter made shall be in writing

and give the names & residence of the parties & when a partnership the name of the firm also & the same shall be recorded within thirty days of the date of contract shall not be considered binding or affecting any but the original parties in the transaction whatsoever

Sec 7 All Deeds Contracts Bonds Bills of Sale or instruments of any species that relate to the conveyance of claims & Bonds shall be witnessed by at least two disinterested persons and recorded

Sec 8 Any person using a Quartz Mill claim upon which he has or is preparing to place a Mill may claim

the right to cut a Ditch
or Race upon any stream
to bring water to serve him
if he does not entrench on
vested rights

Sec 9 All claims held
heretofore by laws previously
existing shall be regarded
as vested property & no
person shall be disturbed in
the possession thereof

Sec 10 11 All difficulties
in regard to claims prior
to the passage of these laws
shall be settled by the laws
of the Dist. out of which this
Dist. was formed.

Sec 12 When Water Co's
are engaged in bringing
water into any part of the
mines they shall have the
right of way necessary to them
& may pass over any claim

Road or Ditch provided
the water shall be so guarded
as not to interfere with any
vested rights.
Sec 12 Claims of every
kind except Placer Claims
must be recorded unless
said claims are continuously
worked or used according
to Law
Sec 13 The Rules and
Regulations observed within
the United States relating to
Diggings for Gold under
Building Lots - Ranch - Farm
& other claims shall be
observed in this Dist.
Sec 14 Any person that
shall locate a Tunnel in
this Dist for the purpose
of discovery shall first
file specifications of the same
with the Recorder whose duty

it shall fail to record them.
Sec 15 - Any person or persons
engaged in working a tunnel
hereunder as they shall com-
-ply with the Laws of the Dist
shall be entitled to two hundred
& fifty feet on each side of
all Lodes & Veins discovered
in consequence of the sand
& shall hold it the same as
a Discovery Claim provided
they do not interfere with
any vested rights & if it
shall appear the Lode or
Veins that they cannot
get the requisite number
of feet near the said tunnel
they may be taken upon
any part of said Lode Veins
if they be vacant
Sec 16 - Any person or
persons working a tunnel
shall after the same is

legaly located shall have the priority of right to all Lodes discovered on the recorded line of the tunnel from its mouth to its end I shall have the right of way through all Lodes in its recorded course

Sec 7th All persons holding pre-emption claims shall work them at least one half day in every ten

Sec 8th In case of trials security for costs must be given previous to suit

Sec 9th No person shall be allowed to vote on any question involving miners interest unless holding or representing an interest in the Dist

Sec 8 The Officers of this District shall consist of a President Justice of the Peace Recorder & Sheriff who shall hold their office for the space of one year after their election - All Officers to be elected by ballot

Sec 9

Duties of Officers

President: It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings unless absent or interested

Recorder: It shall be the duty of the Recorder to keep a book for recording claims Bonds Deeds &c &c presented for record & to post notices giving at least three days notice of the election of Officers for all vacancies or terms of Office expiring

Sec 22.